

84TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4276

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 22, 1955

Mr. SMITH of Mississippi introduced the following bill; which was referred
to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce

A BILL

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit the
interception of communications by persons other than public
officers and employees in the exercise of their official duties.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 *That section 605 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47*
4 *U. S. C., sec. 605) is amended by striking out "and no*
5 *person not being authorized by the sender" and inserting*
6 *in lieu thereof the following: "and no person, other than*
7 *an officer or employee of the United States or of the govern-*
8 *ment of a State or political subdivision thereof in the exer-*
9 *cise of his official duties, shall intercept any communication*
10 *unless authorized by the sender; and no person not being*

1 authorized by the sender (whether or not he is such an
2 officer or employee in the exercise of his official duties)".

3 SEC. 2. The amendment made by the first section of this
4 Act shall apply only with respect to offenses committed on
5 and after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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